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Beginning to Attack Vineyards.

The Deadly Insect Getting an Early Start.

The Cut Worm Also Makes Appearance in Many Parts of the County.

As the fruit trees and vines of the county begin to be covered with a heavy foliage the troubles of fruit growers and vineyardists increase. For some reason the cut worm and vine hopper have made their appearance earlier than usual this year and in many parts of the county they have increased to such an alarming extent that vineyardists are already beginning to notice the effect of their presence.

Of the two pests the vine hopper is the most numerous just at present, though the cut worm is also beginning to be seen in many places. It is much easier, however, to detect the trips or vine hopper, than the cut worm, and for this reason it may be that much of the damage that has been attributed to the former may be due to the latter.

Most of the complaints so far received have come from vineyardists east of this city. According to their statements the vines in some localities are literally covered with the insects and there is already a drying of the foliage as a result of the insects which they have made.

The habits of the hopper and their method of attacking the vines are too well known to need explanation. Myriads of the deadly little creatures light on the leaves and tender shoots and soon succeed in robbing the vine of its foliage. The danger, of course, comes from the drying up of the leaves, which serve as a shelter for the grapes clustered about the stem of the vine.

No satisfactory remedy for getting rid of the hopper has yet been found. Many of the vineyardists have with more or less success tried the experiment of trapping them and it is said that John S. Dore is now trying a new scheme of this kind on his vineyard in West Park.

The cut worm, which is also beginning to make its appearance, is due to the vineyards, was never before known to appear so early in the season and for this reason vineyardists are becoming slightly alarmed over its presence. In some vineyards as many as ten or twelve of the worms have been found on a single vine. They attack the tender shoots and cause the vines to wither by sucking out the sap. Some of the vineyardists who first detected them thought jackrabbits were eating the vines, but upon investigation detected the worms.

Of late, there has been noticed a falling off of the pear crop, due, it was supposed, to the presence of some insect. The horticultural commissioners, however, deny that the dropping is due to a pest, but attribute it entirely to climatic conditions. How extensive the damage will be cannot yet be ascertained.

(Henry Brickley.)

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

First Meeting of the New Board Held Last Night.

The new Board of Library Trustees held their first meeting last night in the trustees' room of the library building. They organized by electing M. B.

Dalley chairman and W. M. Robinson secretary. A resolution from A. B. Fickler, of Fresno, offering a large private library for sale, was read and referred to the committee on books when appointed.

A proposal was also received from C. C. Morrison, who is establishing musical circulating libraries throughout the country, offering to put in a collection of sheet music, with cabinets and catalogues, free, on condition that a membership fee of \$2 be charged for the use of the music for the first year. Half the fee are to be for the benefit of the library, and the other half are to be used for the purchase of new music and for commissions for securing membership.

The proposition was accepted. A committee was appointed to investigate the expense and feasibility of having a card catalogue, by authors and subjects, made of the library.

M. Z. Austin, secretary of the old board, was present and reported \$1000 of the library appropriation for the fiscal year still in hand. The library contains 1200 volumes and has an average monthly circulation of over 3000 volumes, showing that it is used and appreciated by the people, and that the taxpayers get a full and direct return for the money expended.

(Chester H. Rosenthal.)

### DID THEM HONOR.

A Reception to Mrs. Albion and J. M. Collins.

A. O. U. W. and Martha Lodge Pay Their Compliments to Two Exalted Members.

From Webster's Day.

Yosemite Lodge, A. O. U. W., and Martha Lodge, Degree of Honor, turned out in force last evening to pay their compliments to J. M. Collins and Mrs. Cordelia Albion, who were honored at the recent session of the Grand Lodge of Workmen held in San Francisco. Mr. Collins was elected Grand Master in the A. O. U. W. and Mrs. Albion was made Grand Chief of Ceremonies in the Degree of Honor. Fresno was regarded as fortunate in securing two of the highest offices in the order, and last night's ceremony was therefore an important celebration as a reception to the guests of honor.

Over two hundred were present to join in the congratulations and merry-making. Professor Christy rendered a number of piano selections and whistled "The Mocking Bird" in response to an encore. Mrs. Anna Jones performed on the piano and L. P. Timmons captivated the audience with a humorous song.

J. M. Collins was called for and responded with a short but happy speech, thanking the members of the lodge for the honor conferred upon him and promising to work conscientiously for the welfare of Workmen. Mrs. Albion spoke in the same strain. Addresses on the good of the order were made by D. C. Tucker, Othello Scribner and E. Eastbrook.

The guests then repaired to the banquet room, where a repast had been prepared under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. T. W. Pickford, Mrs. P. F. Peck, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. C. C. Tucker and M. Billy. Two long rows of tables were necessary to seat the feasters.

Only one disappointment attended the banquet. It was expected that in addition to the good things with which the table was stocked there would also be a number of toasts, but the latter were not forthcoming. As one of the guests

said: "The feast was good, but the toasts were few."

(Henry Brickley.)

### THE GREAT ROSENTHAL.

Will Appear at the Barton on Friday, April 26th.

Moris Rosenthal, the great pianist, will appear at the Barton opera house Friday night, April 26th. An advance notice says of him:

Moris Rosenthal is distinctly a player who appeals to men and to those women who love men. He is immensely virile. His playing, almost over-whelmingly, is the playing of a man who thinks and feels. Paderowski plays like a cat; Rosenthal plays like an intellectual giant. Moris Rosenthal looks like the young Heine, blond and well formed. His face is handsome in its racial way. His hair has length and curl. A great air of determination sits upon his face, and he is a man who carries his shoulders well back, as one who values his digestion. He looks the man. His art is imbued with no physical mannerisms. He is absolutely without affectation. If he takes himself seriously, it is because an artist has a certain measure of respect for his art; he is not as other men are. His re-entrance was made the occasion of a very hearty demonstration. And yet what a virtuoso the man is! There is no one today, probably there never has been one, who has his prodigious and prestigious command of the piano. Those masterly wrists and hands are like a hammer in his skill. But with this, one has said only his first words, and in piano playing it is the last word that Rosenthal has said. He is the ultimate Thule beyond which technique cannot go as long as the piano remains what it is.

(Henry Brickley.)

### SEIMA ITEMS.

J. D. Powers of New York City is in town on business.

Under Brothers are moving the "Good Hope" from near Santa to Main, where it is to be used as a church.

Drs. E. C. Love and Gilchrist and J. A. Burns were summoned to Kingsburg today as witnesses in the case of Murphy vs. Church. Mr. Burns is attorney for the defense.

J. B. Ester, who has been one of Seima's business men for about twelve years, has sold out his grocery store and building. The transfer was to Miss Ida Hawks of this place. The grocery business will be continued for a short time, when the building will be sold and another business will be opened.

Seima, April 13, 1929.

### LOST HIS TEMPER.

John Hurne Gets Excited and Kicks in a Window.

John Hurne, a laborer with an inordinate desire for whisky, was arraigned in Recorder Clark's court yesterday on a charge of malicious mischief. Hurne was arrested by Police- men Hennessey and Morris night before last on complaint of a woman named Annie Delgado. She accused Hurne of kicking in her window greatly to the disturbance of her own peace of mind.

When brought into court the defendant did not deny the charge and did not attempt to explain his conduct. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$10. He spent yesterday afternoon in company with a policeman trying to make up the money but at a late hour had not succeeded.

(Henry Brickley.)

Robert G. Barlow was among the Fresno men who went to the metropolis on last night's train.

### FIRST MEETING.

City School Board Reorganized.

G. B. Noble Re-elected Chairman.

The Date of Closing the City Schools Changed to June 9th.

The old City Board of Education held its last meeting at the city hall last night. The board ended its career in the quietest manner possible. In fact, the two out-going members of the body were not present at all and the new members, J. W. Gearhart and O. M. Thompson, stepped into the vacant places without even the formality of an introduction.

Chairman Noble called the board to order and Clerk Hogue read the minutes of the previous meeting. The body then adjourned and the high school board went through the same performance. That ended the business of the old organization and the new board was called to order. Mr. Noble was nominated for temporary chairman and Mr. Hogue for temporary secretary. Both were elected. A motion was then carried to make the temporary officers the permanent officers of the board.

A communication was read from the Women of the World asking that May 1st be made a holiday for the children of the public schools in order that the latter might attend the celebration and picnic which the Women intend to give on that day. The request aroused considerable discussion with the result that no action was taken, it being the opinion that the board had no power to grant the petition. The secretary was instructed to notify the Women of the board's decision.

Superintendent Dalley reported that many of the teachers in the schools were dissatisfied with the order recently made by the board closing the schools on June 30. If the order were adhered to, he said, much of the work would either have to be left undone or done in a hasty and careless manner. Mr. Hogue moved that the date of closing the schools be changed from June 30 to June 9th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and carried unanimously.

The next matter to come up was the fixing of a date for the meetings of the board, which the law says shall be held once a month. The members had different views on the matter, but finally agreed upon the second Monday in each month as being the most convenient. This is the same day on which the meetings have heretofore been held.

Secretary Hogue read a report showing the finances of the district at the beginning of the present month. The report showed a balance on hand in the high school fund of \$2048.58. The estimated expenditures between now and the time for closing school amount to \$4500, distributed as follows: Teachers, \$2500; janitors, \$200; insurance, \$100; water, \$50. This would leave on hand a balance of \$1698.58 in the high school fund at the end of the year. Most of this sum will have to be devoted to the paying of the high school loans.

For the common school, the balance on hand is estimated at \$11,523.23, with estimated expenditures of \$7500 between now and the time for closing school. (Henry Brickley.)

### WHEN YOU SEE ANYONE VIOLATING THE GAME LAW.

Editor Republican: There are many reports coming in that quail are being killed contrary to law. In fact, two men are now under arrest for that offense. The Fresno Game Protective Association stands ready to prosecute these or any other cases that may come up, and the chances are very good for conviction.

The great trouble is that owners of vineyards do not like to swear to the complaints, and the association suggests the following remedy: If any of the vineyardists, when they hear shooting, will not interrupt these men in their pastime, but will go to the nearest telephone and ring up Justice of the Peace St. John, he will send the deputy constables to look into the matter. This will let the vineyardists out of any trouble. This is all that we ask—that the farmers interest themselves enough to telephone to the officers.

I see by Mr. Ferguson's last report that he recommends the limiting of the bag to a certain number that may be killed in a day. This, I think, is a good idea and should have been done long ago. The association to a man is in favor of it, and for one I say let the law be passed and the sooner the better. Two dozen quail, and three dozen doves, are enough for any one to kill in a day, and as far as I am concerned one does not need a gun.

Last year we heard many complaints of the Japanese gathering the eggs of the quail, and we are very anxious this year to see if we cannot secure a conviction for this offense. We ask our farmer friends to kindly keep a lookout and notify the officers by telephone if this comes to their knowledge. If we can put a stop to this it means thousands of quail for the people of this county, and if we pass the limit law and shorten the open season to three months we shall in a short time have the finest game country in the state.

W. C. KENNEDY.

Fresno, April 18, 1929.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Next Session at Easton Park, Thursday, April 27th.

Editor Republican: There will be a Farmers' Institute held at Easton park, Washington colony, Thursday, April 27, 1929. Professors Fowler, Wickson and others from the University will be present.

"Pumping Water for Irrigation," "Fertilizers for Different Soils, Plants, etc.," "Fruit pest—what we have most to fear and how best to guard against them." Question box, a short program by home talent, will be enough to make it a useful and interesting day.

Easton park has plenty of shade, grass, and water. A large pavilion in the center with plenty of seats makes it the most pleasant place for large gatherings in the county. It will be an all day meeting, beginning at 10 a. m., adjourning at noon for a basket luncheon, and every lady is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

A large crowd is expected, for seldom does any one have the opportunity of attending a Farmers' Institute in a shady grove, in a thickly populated community of farmers, where they can have all the benefits of a Farmers' Institute and the pleasure of a country picnic.

W. F. ROWELL.

Easton, April 18, 1929.

### HUNTERS IN HOCK.

S. E. Stotsberg and E. B. Bellville Arrested.

S. E. Stotsberg and E. B. Bellville were arrested Sunday on charges of killing quail out of season. Jeff Hunter, the drayman, who preferred the complaint, claimed to have seen the defendants shooting the toothsome fowl in a vineyard a short distance west of this city. Both the men gave themselves up as soon as they heard that warrants were out for them. They appeared in Justice St. John's court yesterday morning and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The defendants assert that they were hunting rabbits when Hunter saw them and that they did not intend to violate the law. The Game Protective Association will prosecute the case vigorously and hope to make an example of the offenders. The minimum fine which can be imposed should the men be convicted is \$20.

(Henry Brickley.)

### BASE BALL SUNDAY.

The Engine No. 2 Will Play the Berenda Team.

The next attraction at Athletic park will be a baseball game between Engine No. 2 and Berenda. The Berenda boys defeated No. 2 in Madras three weeks ago by a score of 3 to 5 and last Sunday they again bested Company C by a score of 23 to 2. The engine boys feel bad over their defeat, as it is the first game they have lost in twenty-two and they promise to give a good account of themselves. They will make the Berenda team play ball if they want to win. Maud, Swartz and Tute played with the Fresno team Sunday against Bakersfield and gave a good account of themselves. They scored five of the ten runs that were made by the Fresno nine. Maud and Swartz will be the leaders in Sunday's game and the boys have been getting their batting eye in trim.

The Berenda team will arrive here Sunday morning at 10.40 over the Valley road and a large delegation from Madras will accompany the team here.

HERMAN SWARTZ.

### Blizzard in Dakota.

DEADWOOD, S.D., April 12.—For the past thirty-six hours a terrific blizzard has been raging in all parts of the northern hills. The snow, driven by a fierce wind, is blinding. The weather is not cold. At Rapid city snow commenced to fall at noon and snow and rain at Spearfish and Center.

### FUNERAL OF EDMOND T. SMITH.

The funeral of Edmond T. Smith took place yesterday morning from the undertaking parlors of Stephens & Bean, a large number of friends of the deceased accompanying the remains to the cemetery.

### RIVERDALE RIPPLES.

From a Prosperous Little Community.

This prosperous and harmonious community must not be overlooked in the columns of the widely read Republican. Hence, these items of news. Riverdale is situated south of Caruthers on both sides of what is known as the "Liberty" grade. It is essentially a dairy and stock country, having abundance of natural grass, and with the water facilities of the Riverdale irrigation system will raise alfalfa, grain, corn and maize, pumpkins, beans and fruit. The large dairy have their own separators, make butter of a superior and uniform quality, and raise No. 1 cows, best cattle and hogs. Crops promise very well. Haying will begin in a few days.

The school house is attractive, commodious and has fine equipment. The teacher, Mr. Mitchell, in his second year, has a full attendance of pupils, is well liked and gives satisfaction. At Liberty school, the adjoining district, the same may be said of Miss Jeanie Cameron, a young lady well and favorably known in Fresno. After her vacation of teaching the girls over to Riverdale and assists in the flourishing Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society. The two schools will give a joint picnic when they close.

Rev. Shoemaker is the pastor of the United Brethren church and is popular and efficient. His wife is also a talented and ordained preacher. It is the only church in the community with a large membership and good audiences. Mrs. Olive Maloney, formerly Miss Poole of Lone Star, is the Christian Endeavor president. Mrs. J. H. Sherrill, superintendent of the Sunday school.

The postoffice is a model one. Every Wednesday and Saturday troops of young and old go for their mail. As the usual postmistress, Mrs. Harlan, throws open her library and reads for the pleasure of the public as a waiting room, it often assumes the appearance of a neighborhood "reception" where community news is retailed while waiting for the papers and letters from the outside world.

Rev. W. Webb, an old-time friend of Mr. Maloney, addressed the Sunday school and preached for the pastor last Lord's day. He has delivered a gospel temperance address, and, as county superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, formed a branch organization. His services were so acceptable that he was requested to return on Friday, the 21st instant, and give a very humorous but sensible lecture on "Jokes and Joking."

Roy, son of T. F. Moody and who is recovering from quite a sick and Grandpa and Grandma Moody came to return to their home in Lone Star, the 21st instant, and give a very humorous but sensible lecture on "Jokes and Joking."

Otto Maloney and wife have been visiting at Lone Star. But to tell who comes and go would take too long. Riverdale is a healthy place.

APRIL 19, 1929.

### PORTUNA SMILED.

On the Wife of a Coaster.

An Agate Couple Suddenly Became Rich.

Leave a Ranch to Acquire Business Property in Three Big Cities.

They were a little old couple and were very happy. He had a new hat and she wore a new bonnet. They had good reason to be in high spirits. The old folks were Captain and Mrs. Davis, and they were just celebrating a rapid transition from poverty to affluence.

Yesterday afternoon the captain and his better half were in the office of the Santa Fe, buying a ticket for Montreal, Canada, where they were going to claim a fortune. Mrs. Davis' aunt had died a short time ago and left her entire fortune to her niece—the hale and jovial wife of the sturdy coaster, for Captain Davis in his early days had navigated a schooner on the coast of Maine, his native state.

The couple have an interesting history—that is, what's known of it is interesting and doubtless the other chapters are also, but they would say nothing of their life. They were simple people and fearful lest anything they might say might be against their interest they kept close their own counsel.

They came to Fresno some months ago and were at the very bottom of the economic scale. They managed to obtain employment at a packing house in the season and in that way earned a living.

When the packing house closed, however, they were again on the verge of without means. The couple applied to Fulton C. Berry for employment and he gave them work on his ranch—the housekeeping and the raising chickens and doing other chores about the place. They liked the country life. Mrs. Davis was well pleased with the life and the cooking. They had the captain's hand and was happy when the hungry fowl gathered about him.

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